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SUBJECT: U.S. DECISION TO GROW POPPIES

GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE

REF: A. STATE 26073

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1. THE PROPOSAL THAT THE U.S. WILL UNDERTAKE RESEARCH
AND TESTING OF POPPY STRAW PROCESSING EVEN THOUGH THIS
DECISION DOES NOT RPT NOT EMBRACE PRODUCTION IS GOING
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TO BE WIDELY MISUNDERSTOOD IN LAOS. I AM AFRAID THAT, DESPITE THE EXPLANATIONS WE WILL MAKE, THE LAO FROM THE PRIME MINISTER DOWN WILL BELIEVE THAT OUR COUNTRY INTENDS TO START PRODUCING AT A LATER DATE.

2. REGARDLESS OF THE ADVANTAGES OF STRAW TECHNOLOGY, THE LAO WILL CONCLUDE THAT THE WORLD DEMAND FOR OPIATES SHOULD BE MET BY AN ARRANGMENT PERMITTING LICIT PRODUCTION BY THE TRADITIONAL GROWERS.

3. I AM AFRAID THE RUMORS, MISUNDERSTANDINGS, AND SUSPICIONS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO ARISE AS A RESULT OF THIS PROPOSAL MAY HAVE FAR-REACHING EFFECTS ON OUR NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES IN THIS COUNTRY.

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